

Jackson County Department of Public Health

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SCHOOL ACTION TEAM RECRUITING MEMBERS

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is an action team through Jackson County Public Schools, made up of school board members, faculty, staff, parents, and students, as well as professionals and individuals in the community. SHAC's mission is to support an overall safe and healthy community by providing information and education to children, families, and the community towards the prevention of substance abuse and the promotion of safe and healthy choices.

SHAC is seeking interested business leaders, youth-serving organizations, religious/fraternal organizations, civic and volunteer groups and any other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse to join the action team. SHAC has been and will continue to target youth alcohol, tobacco (including vaping and electronic cigarette), and opioid use in our community. In the coming months, SHAC will be applying for a federal grant to secure funding and to create a position to combat substance use with our county's youth.

The next SHAC meeting is scheduled for February 13th from 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM at the Jackson County Board of Education, located at 398 Hospital Road Sylva, NC 28779. All interested persons and groups are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Laura Cabe, School Nutrition Director, at (828) 586-2311 ext. 1936 or lcabe@jcpsmail.org.

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